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EXPANSION OF TELECOM NETWORK IN ASSAM IN TENTH PLAN
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals to expand communication network in Assam by providing modern and sophisticated telephone exchanges during the Tenth Plan period;

(b) whether it is a fact that mid-term review of the Tenth Plan has revealed that the achievement is below the target;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to achieve the target by the end of the plan period?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) The Telecom development work in all the Circles including Assam are planned on yearly basis. The details of targets and corresponding achievement in Assam Circle during Tenth plan period are given in the Annexure.

(b) No, Sir. The targets have largely been achieved and the achievement pattern is similar to other areas of the country.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

(d) For timely achievement of the targets, mobile services have been planned to cater to a large population. The target for mobile connections for the year 2005-06 is 1,80,000. In addition, scattered rural demand is planned to be fulfilled by providing connections through WLL. Necessary switching and transmission equipment for the same is planned for timely procurement.

ANNEXURE

Details of Targets and Achievement of Telecom Development work in Assam during Tenth Plan

Sl No.	Parameters	2002-03		2003-04		2004-05
		Target	Achievement upto 31.1.2005	Target	Achievement	
1.	New Telephone Exchanges	50	62	20	26	0 01
2.	Switching Capacity (Fixed+WLL) (Lines)	90200	95752	26000	68692	18000 6663
3.	Direct Exchange Lines (Nos.)	75000	64750	83000	49771	213600 1404495
4.	Optical Fibre	600	644.92	750	973.46	552 282
5.	Microwave (RKMs)	100	215.1	75	174.8	Nil 217.5

6. VPTs(Nos) 1000 1007 4300 1354 5021 1913

7. TAX (KC) 16 17 18 20 8 0
 Cable (RKMs)